If these documents are procured by the Commission, very valuable historical information about the political activities and freedom movements in Saurashtra may be available. These documents will also throw new light on the relations of the Kings with the British Government on one hand and their relations with their people on the other hand.

Standing Committee's views:

The Indian Historical Records Commission is not a repository of records. So the question of depositing the records with the Commission does not arise. A similar resolution was moved at the 44th Session of the Commission. The Commission was of the opinion that in the absence of appropriate legislation pursuation was the only available method and merely passing a resolution would not be of much help. So the resolution was dropped.

The State Archives concerned should, therefore, make an earnest effort to locate and to acquire such records through its Regional Records Survey Committee, as is being done by the other State Archives.

The Committee suggested that the following sentence might be added at the end of the resolution forwarded by Prof. R.K. Dharaiya:

> "Government of India is seized of this problem and a comprehensive action is being planned."

E. Introduction of correspondence course of training in Archives Administration.

(2) Resolution by Government of Andhra Pradesh

> "Resolved to start correspondence course of Diploma in Archives-Keeping."

Explanatory Note:

In order to develop Archives-Keeping consciousness among the general public it is suggested to start a correspondence course of the diploma in Archives-Keeping. It will help the persons working on research projects to acquire the knowledge and the diploma without hindrance in their research work. Written and practical examinations can be held at certain Archives centres suitable to the regions.

Standing Committee's views:

A similar resolution(No.VII) was passed at the 43rd Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission. The proposal has since been approved and sanctioned by the Government of India, and will be implemented through the new Abhilekh Prashikshan Sansthan.

C. Residential accommodation for research scholars.

(3) Resolution by Government of Andhra Pradesh

"Resolved to provide lodging facilities for bonafide Research scholars at Archival and Research Institutions."

Explanatory Note:

It is suggested that lodging facilities should be provided to bonafide Research Scholars at the Archival and Research Institutions which will save time and money of the Research Scholars. It would also help the scholars to complete their research early.

Standing Committee's views:

This is certainly very desirable. A similar resolution was passed at the 41st Session of the Commission(Resolution No.XV). A meeting of the group of officers set up by the Department of Culture, Government of India, to examine the question of providing suitable accommodation at economical rates for